

WALKDEN AND DISTRICT TENNIS LEAGUE

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY AND PROCEDURES

GOOD PRACTICE COVERING LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

Any form of child abuse **WILL NOT** be tolerated by the League. **BULLYING WILL NOT** be tolerated by the League.

Types of Bullying:- name calling, teasing, hitting, pushing, unwelcome physical contact, demanding money or food, passing any derogatory comments, tripping, punching, hair pulling, forcing or encouraging someone to do wrong, belittling.

Anti Bullying Strategies

1. Ensure all children and young people taking part in Tennis League activities are aware that bullying will not be tolerated.
2. Any bullying should be dealt with immediately in a sensitive manner. The incident should be investigated, details recorded, the alleged perpetrator (s) questioned in a caring manner, details recorded. Two officials should be involved in this and care taken that their presence is not intimidating.
3. If the allegation is serious (severe or persistent abuse) a decision has to be taken at a Senior level as to whether the perpetrator (s) can continue with the activity.
4. Parents should be informed in all circumstances. Parents must be involved in and support any disciplinary action.

Photography

The League **will not allow** the Children and young people taking part in a Training session to be photographed except by a designated League Official and only for the reporting back to a funding organisation on the success of the project. For this purpose the following conditions will be enforced:-

1. All young people will be properly dressed.
2. Photographs will be of groups of players not individuals.
3. No names or personal details will accompany the photographs.
4. Images will not be entered on a computer.
5. Written permission from the parent / young person for photographs to be taken will be required.

Mobile Phones

The use of mobile phones will not be allowed during a training session unless an accident occurs and emergency services have to be called or parents have to be informed.

The taking of photographic images by mobile phones will not be allowed